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NOTICE OF THE PRELIMINARY DECISION TO ISSUE AN INDIVIDUAL AQUIFER PROTECTION PERMIT SIGNIFICANT AMENDMENT

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Pursuant to Arizona Administrative Code, Title 18, Chapter 9, Article 1, the Director of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality intends to issue an individual Aquifer Protection Permit Significant Amendment to the following applicant(s):

City of Page Attn: Mr. Fred Ladman, Utility Director P.O. Box 1180 Page, Arizona 86040

City of Page Wastewater Treatment Plant Significant Amendment to Aquifer Protection Permit No. 100303

The City of Page is authorized to operate the City of Page Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) which is designed to treat a maximum average capacity of 2.0 million gallons per day (MGD). Due to limited disposal capacity the permittee is only authorized to discharge up to 1.11 MGD as an annual average under this permit. The treatment process consists of headworks with a hydrostatic screen, grease removal, an equalization basin, two oxidation ditches, five sedimentation basins, filtration, and chlorination. All treatment units are constructed from reinforced concrete. All effluent is discharged to lined evaporation/storage ponds ("ponds") and used for beneficial purposes under a valid reclaimed water permit (A.A.C. R18-9, Article 7). The WWTP is classified as producing Class B reclaimed water pursuant to A.A.C. R18-11, Article 3. The ponds have a combined storage capacity of approximately 85 million gallons (mg), and are lined with low hydraulic conductivity liners capable of achieving a calculated discharge rate of less than 550 gallons per day per acre, as approved by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ). The sludge is digested, dewatered, dried on concrete beds, stored onsite in a lined pond, and hauled off-site for disposal in accordance with state and federal regulations.

This permit has been amended to increase the available reuse acreage, thereby increasing the disposal capacity. In the process of this amendment process, Rose Lake has been removed from the permit, and Lake #10 has been included into the permit.

With 24-hour notice, a draft permit with related documentation is available for public review, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the ADEQ Records Management Center, 1110 West Washington Street, in Phoenix, Arizona.

Persons may submit comments or requests for a public hearing on the proposed action, in writing, to Marcy Mullins, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, 1110 W. Washington Street, MC 5415B-3, Phoenix, Arizona, 85007, within thirty (30) days from the date of this notice. A public hearing request must include the reason for such request.